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- LATE LOGS -

Mystery Radio: 12/13-0205-6955-USB. (CH,ONT 444)
Orbital Mind Control Satellite: 12/13-0255-6955-USB. (CH,ONT)
Partial India Radio: 12/13-0130-6955-USB. (CH,ONT 222)
Radio Azteca: 12/13-0132-6955-USB. (CH,ONT 222)
Radio Metallica WW: 12/13-0050-6958-AM. (CH,ONT 333)
Reefer Madness Radio: 12/13-0300-6955-USB. (ER,NJ 333)
Take It Easy Radio: 12/17-1010-6950-USB. (JM,PA)
The Howard Stern Experience: 12/13-0010-6955-USB. (CH,ONT 343)
12/14-1440-6955-USB. (ER,NJ 444/422)
WARR: 12/15-0150-6955-USB. (JM,PA)
WRYT: 12/17-2320-6954.7-AM. (PD,ME fair)

- FROM ACROSS THE POND -

Farmers From Holland- PO Box 108 7720AC Dalfsen, Holland
Dec.24/25-2215-0505-6300-AM. OM w/various types of mx mostly in Dutch, some EE pop mx, announced a phone # & many IDs. (ER,NJ 333) (JC,ONT 322 at peaks) (RR,ONT poor to fair)
Dec.25/26-2134-0006+-6299-AM. Played German "oopah" mx, take-off of "Stairway To Heaven" & "I Will Follow Him". (JA,NY 444/544)
Dec.28-0937-1025-6300-AM. Non-stop mx, mostly pop and dance. (AY,PA pretty good) (DP,VT 141)
Jan.4-1115-6300-AM. Pop mx by Rod Stewart. (DP,VT 121)
Jolly Roger Radio (tent.)- PO Box 39, Waterford City, Ireland
Dec.28-0852-0910+-6238.5-AM.OM w/slow country mx,ID per log fm Rainer Brandt. (JF,RI 232/131)
Laser Hot Hits- Merlin, ONT
Dec.26-0134-0210+-6220-AM. Pop/oldies mx, promo Expo 86(?), Radio Caroline news. (MP,NY fair @peaks)
Dec.28-0758-0900+-3930-AM. Lots of 50's rock, rockabilly & country mx brief OM DJ tx. (AY,PA)
Dec.28-0843-0908+-6219.9-AM. British OM w/jazzy inst mx, slogan "nobody plays a better variety of mx". (JF,RI 242) (AY,PA)
Jan.4-0920-6220-AM. Mx: "Hot Blooded", Foreigner,"Teenage Wasteland" by The Who. (DP,VT 121)
Radio Cochiguaz- Blue Ridge Summit, PA
Jan.2-2215-2226-6950-LSB. (JAK,NY 222)
Radio Free London- PO Box 99, 1st Flr.Suite, 253 Selhurst Rd., London SE25 6XT
Jan.17-2052-2247+-6275-AM. Mx Elton John, Monkees, Cream, Beatles, The Dead Kennedy's, Three Dog Night, IDs by OM ment e-mail addr & phone #, sporadic UTE QRM. (NW,ONT poor but got better as sunset approached)
Jan.17-2139-2237+-5805-AM. Playing an assortment of mx such as The Dead Kennedy's & Sam & Dave, QRM from stn on 5810. (NW,ONT poor)
Jan.18-0052-0139+-6274.8-AM. OM w/mx by Tina Turner, Betty Everett, The Capitols Madness, sd using 25 watts. (ML,CT 333) (JA,NY 344)
Jan.18-1200-6275-AM. Top 40 oldies & pop mx. (JA,NY good)
Radio Marabu- Belm, Germany
Jan.10-2125-2200-6210-AM. All in German w/rock mx including "Forever Young". (ER,NJ 333)
Radio Merlin International (tent.)- Merlin, ONT
Dec.28-0909-0921+-6238.6-AM. Pop mx, tx OM DJ w/UK accent,sd "our mailing address is,as always...", ID per log from Rainer Brandt. (AY,PA nice to hear this one back after a raid & court case several years ago!)

Radio Pamela (tent.)-

Dec.25-2300-2330-3907-AM. OM sd he'd be playing the best of Xmas mx for the next hour or so, "So This Is Xmas" by Paul McCartney, need help w/ QSL address. (ER,NJ 222)

Radio San Marino International- PO Box 411131, DE-55068 Mainz, Germany

Dec.20-*2000-2300*-7580-LSB. S/on w/San Marino Anthem, mx The Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Doors, AC/DC, ID "You're listening to RSMI", switched to 7600 LSB @2300. (ER,NJ 333) (CL,MA 131)

Radio USA- Belfast, NY

Dec.27/28-2107 off & on to 1000-6274.8-AM. Via Euro relay, collection of older pgms incl RMWW parody, Xmas pgm, 14th Anniv Show, tx abt Halloween. (HK,Germany 443 nice to hear in good quality here in Europe!) (JF,RI 232) (AY,PA) (JA,NY 333) (ML,CT 322-3)

UNID

Dec.21-0838-0847-6251.4v-AM. Mx by YL, fade out @0847. (JF,RI 141 PLS QSL)
 Dec.21-0925-0950-3930-AM. Accented English speaking OM w/Xmas pop mx, Paul McCartney song @0936. (ER,NJ 222)
 Dec.26-0059-0125-3907.1-AM. OM w/British accent played Xmas tune, song "Hungry Eyes", ID as "Radio ?". (RR,ONT fair PLS QSL) (MP,NY fair w/ham QRM)
 Dec.26-0110-3916.7-AM. Very weak mx & tx by OM. (MP,NY)
 Dec.27-2228-2245-3915-AM. OM/YL anners & pop mx incl one that sounded like Pink Floyd. (AY,PA)
 Dec.28-0740-0743+-6262-AM. Mx & possible brief ID, maybe Level 48? (AY,PA)
 Dec.28-0835-3945-AM. OM DJ talking, possibly Subterranean Sounds? (AY,PA very poor)
 Dec.28-0846-0903-6200-AM. OM DJ w/UK accent, light pop & ballads including "Give It A Rest" & one that sounded like Anne Murray, some tx abt Xmas & sd "once again, hello & welcome to today's brdcast....", possibly United Christians Broadcasters? (AY,PA)

- NORTH AMERICA - MEDIUMWAVE -**RFM-** Belfast, NY

Dec.29-0258-0341-1710-AM. Xmas pgm w/Twisted Radio/Bob Rivers parody songs QRM fm Spanish str'n on 1700. (ML,CT 332)
 Jan.1-*0254-0339*-1690-AM. Mostly big band swing instr mx, repeated IDs in EE & FF, two parody ads. (JA,NY 444) (ML,CT 434)

UNID

Dec.24-0116-0219+-1630-AM. Played soundtrack from American Grafitti oldies mx by Chuck Berry, Elvis, Little Richard, no announcer heard. (ML,CT 422-3 PLS QSL)
 Dec.24-2130-2150+-1629-AM. Oldies mx, poss same stn on 1630 @0116 UTC? (ML,CT 423 PLS QSL)
 Dec.25-0505-0534*-1689.7-AM. Big band mx, quick QRT w/no ID. (JC,ONT 322 PLS QSL)
 Dec.25-2233-2325-1689.7-AM. Similar to 12/25, 0505 UTC log. (RR,ONT fair PLS QSL)
 Dec.26-0352-0540*-1689.7-AM. Similar to 12/25, 0505 UTC log. (JC,ONT 433 PLS QSL)
 Jan.10-2248-6210-AM. Very weak rock mx in RTTY QRM, maybe R.Marabu? (JA,NY 232)

- NORTH AMERICA - SHORTWAVE -**Anteater Radio-** Belfast, NY

Dec.19-2223-2305*-6954.9-USB. Big band mx, QSO w/Mystery R. (JS,NE 322) (JF,RI 141 as unid)
 Jan.10-1517-1526*-6955-USB. PSA abt reckless driving, discussion of Northeast ice storm, played children's songs including "This Old Man". (GZ,OH 242) (LS,OH 354)
 Jan.14-*2220-2224-6955-USB.(tent.) On w/kids songs & Three Stooges mx. (JA,NY 444)

Free Hope Experience- Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Dec.29-0150-0157*-6952.2-USB. Roswell crash clip, mx by The Bangles. (JL,NE 333)
 Dec.31-0245-0315-6955-USB. Parody ads, QSO w/The Shadow & R. Earth. (BO,CA 454-) (JL,NE 444)

Happy Hanukkah- Merlin, ONT

Dec.21-0105-0130*-6955-USB. Replay 12/14/97,1312 UTC show.(EK,Alberta 3-444) (WH,IL 133 as unid)

Dec.21-*1318-1348*-6955-USB. Replay 12/14/97, 1312 UTC show. (LS,OH 354) (PD,ME very good) (JF,RI 444)

Dec.28-*0431-0501*-6955-USB. Replay 12/14/97, 1312 UTC show. (RR,ONT very good) (JF,RI 2-343) (JL,NE poor)

He-Man Radio- Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Dec.21-*1706-1711*-6955-USB. Xmas pgm w/mailbag, He-Man Jr. playing Xmas music on his piano, anned as short Xmas broadcast. (GZ,OH 242) (LS,OH 353) (JM,PA)

Dec.24-2105-2136*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/21, 1705 UTC pgm. (JC,ONT 444) (PD,ME fair to good)

Dec.30-*0458-0513+-6955-USB. Replay of 12/21, 1705 UTC pgm. (JL,NE 232)

Jerry Rigged Radio- Providence, RI

Dec.24-2136-2200*-6955-USB. Annncr Simon Bar Sinister w/pgm of Barney Xmas mx said will be testing on 6925, 6825, 6850, 8000 in the future due to WGTG taking over 6955. (LS,OH 253) (JC,ONT) (JS,AL 444) (JM,PA) (PD,ME good)

Dec.25-0424-0433+-6955-USB. Replay of 12/24, 2136 UTC pgm. (JF,RI 242)

KNBS- Belfast, NY

Dec.27-*2001-2016+-9335-USB. Replay of recent pgm. (JF,RI 232)

Jan.1-1827-1852*-6908-AM. Phil Muzik w/PSA for ACE, tx abt pot, music industry & the government's fear of unlicensed radio. (CS,MD 555) (JA,NY 454)

KRAP- Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Jan.1-*0433-0502*-6955.9-AM. Music by ZZ Top, Frank Zappa, Led Zeppelin, QRT w/ "have a great year!". (JS,NE good) (JL,NE 333)

Jan.3-1000-1006+-6955-AM. Songs:"Sister Mary Elizabeth", "Fell Like Makin' Love". (RTJ,TX 444)

Jan.17-*0305-0330*-6954.9-AM. Fred Flintstone playing music by Sonny Bono, Shaina Twain, hello's to various listeners, tx abt Michael Kennedy ski accident. (HK,Germany 343 as unid) (JA,NY 555) (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 555 great signal & audio!)

Lounge Lizard Radio- Providence, RI

Jan.1-0502-0530-6950-USB. Replay of pgm #4. (RR, CA 231)

Montana Audio Relay Service- Merlin, ONT

Jan.17-2105+-6955-USB. Spike Jones music,funny ad inviting people to move to Montana. (NW, ONT fair)

Munchkin Radio- QSL info unknown

Dec.28-1922-1945*-6949.8-AM. Annncr The Wizard w/tunes:"Bra Size 45","Sound Of Worms","Deep In The Heart Of Jersey", parody ad for the Phone Company, mentioned 4th Of July, QRT w/ID over 2001 theme "You have just heard Munchkin R. on SW". (ER,NJ 444 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 555 PLS QSL) (JA,NY 555 PLS QSL) (DP,VT 544) (ML,CT 545 PLS QSL) (PD,ME very good PLS QSL)

Mystery Radio- Stoneham, MA

Dec.25-0632-0700*-6955-USB. Pgm of jazzy Xmas tunes incl "12 Days Of Xmas", "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", "Silent Night". (JC,ONT 333) (LS,OH 252 as unid PLS QSL) (EK,Alberta 544 as unid)

Dec.26-0224-0246*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0632 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252) (RR,ONT very good) (JS,NE 433+/222) (PD,ME good)

Dec.27-0443-0505*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0632 UTC pgm. (DF,ONT 212) (WH,IL 133 as unid)

Dec.30-0540-0602-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0632 UTC pgm. (CS,MD 322) (JL,NE 333/454)

Dec.31-0417-0421+-6955-USB. Electronic music, into QSO w/Major Spook. (PD,ME good)

Jan.1-0706-0726*-6955-USB. Pgm of electronic music. (CS,MD 455 sounded great!)

Jan.4-0339-0346*-6955-USB. Annncd as test brdcast, semi-new age instrumental music. (GZ,OH 354)

Jan.10-0338-0345-6955-USB. Test of the Mystery R. Brdcast System. (LS,OH 354)

Jan.11-1138-1148*-6955-USB. Music & s/off. (LS,OH 252)

Jan.11-*1150-1233*-6955-USB. Replay of "Flashback" pgm. (DP,VT 333 nice music!) (LS,OH 253)

Jan.18-0220-0240+-6955-USB. Instrumental versions of "Hotel CA", "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet". (NW,ONT good) (BO,CA 444)

Jan.18-0507-0525*-6955-USB. Replay of 1/18, 0220 UTC show. (NW,ONT good)

Omega Radio- Moline, MI

Dec.20-1820-1840*-6955-AM. Dick Tator w/pgm of Xmas music including rock version of "Jingle Bell Rock", ID as "Your conservative alternative, Omega R.", mentioned Pop Comm. (CS,MD 444 very

good audio) (NW,ONT poor) (JC,ONT 333) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 454) (JAK,NY 333) (DP,VT 242) (JM,PA)

One Voice Radio- Belfast, NY

Jan.1-*1620-1641*-6955-USB. Anncr Joe w/tx abt acupuncture, insomnia, stress training, moose accidents w/cars, music by Louie Armstrong. (GZ,OH 252+) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 253) (DP,VT 333) (JM,PA) (PD,ME good) (JA,NY 444)

Jan.1-*1831-1850*-6955-USB. Different pgm w/health tx abt stretching, Lyme & Mad Cow diseases, cockroaches in public schools, abrupt QRT. (CS,MD 333) (LS,OH 354) (JF,RI 444) (PD,ME very good) (DP,VT 343)

Jan.4-*0002-0023*-6955-USB. Replay of 1/1, 1831 UTC show. (HK,Germany 2-142 as unid PLS QSL) (WH,IL 131 as unid) (GZ,OH 343+) (JL,NE very poor)

Partial India Radio- Stoneham, MA

Dec.21-*1616-1658*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/7/97, 1430 UTC show, some splatter from R.Clandestine on 6949. (JC,ONT 322) (RD,PA poor to fair) (LS,OH 252) (JAK,NY 323) (JF,RI 444/434) (GZ,OH 232) (DP,VT 242) (PD,ME very good)

Jan.12-0138-0212-6955-USB. Replay of 12/7/97, 1430 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252)

Pirate Radio Boston- Stoneham, MA

Dec.24-1939-2012*-6955-AM. Charlie Loudenoomeer w/1997 Xmas Show, Xmas tunes incl "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", sd Mr.X was out doing Xmas shopping & couldn't be in the studio, mailbag & greetings to fellow pirates. (NW,ONT poor) (DF,ONT 434) (JC,ONT 333) (LS,OH 353) (JA,NY 555)

Dec.25-0710-0750+-6954.6-AM. Replay of 1997 Xmas Show. (WH,IL 143)

Dec.27-*2027-2100*-6954.7-AM. Replay of 1997 Xmas Show. (RR,ONT good) (WH,IL 142)

Dec.28-1632-1659*-6954.6-AM. Replay of 1997 Xmas Show. (DP,VT 454)(JF,RI 444) (ML,CT 545) (PD,ME very good)

Radio Azteca- Belfast, NY

Dec.27-*1930-2000*-9335-USB. Replay of pgm #27. (JF,RI 343/242)

Dec.31-1819-1847*-6954.7-AM. Replay of pgm #27. (JAK,NY 333) (GZ,OH 242) (JM,PA) (PD,ME excellent)

Radio Clandestine- QSL info unknown

Dec.21-1644-1732*-6949.6v-AM. Host RF Burns w/music by Alice Cooper, Queen, Jimi Hendrix, "Doogy Doo" song, ads Canned Leftovers, Unisex Stereo, Cheech & Chong skit. (RD,PA great sig!) (JF,RI 555 PLS QSL) (NW,ONT fair) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (JAK,NY 555) (DP,VT 343 PLS QSL) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

Radio Eclipse- Providence, RI

Dec.20-*1535-1602*-6954.8-AM. Steve Mann w/replay of his Xmas pgm. (NW,ONT fair) (GZ,OH 454) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 555) (JA,NY 555 great audio!) (DP,VT 433) (JS,NE) (JM,PA)

Dec.21-*1537-1616*-6953v-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (RD,PA good) (JF,RI 3-444) (JAK,NY 444 good show!) (GZ,OH 555) (DP,VT 333) (ML,CT 444) (JM,PA) (PD,ME poor to good)

Dec.21-*1840-1906*-6955-USB. Replay of Xmas pgm. (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 555) (ML,CT 333) (JAK,NY 343) (PD,ME very good)

Dec.25-1420-1447*-6959.8-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (JC,ONT 333) (JAK,NY 333) (JA,NY 555) (DP,VT 333) (JS,NE 333) (JM,PA) (PD,ME good)

Dec.25-1608-1636+-6965-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (DF,ONT 555) (DP,VT 343)

Jan.1-*0000-0009*-6954.8-USB. Steve Mann w/propagation test & New Year wishes music by Dead Milkmen. (WH,IL 233) (MP,NY 444) (JS,NE 444+) (JL,NE 323/222) (PD,ME good)

Jan.3-0438-0454+-6955-USB. Music by Stevie Ray Vaughn. (RTJ,TX 212) (RR,CA 111)

Jan.6-0453-0529-6955-USB. Music by Styx, song: "Louie,Louie". (RTJ,TX 434)

Jan.17-*0504-0607*-6955-USB. Live brdcast w/music by Van Halen, Foghat, Weezer, Living Colour, The Dead Milkmen, The Doors, tx abt WREC & KRAP. (NW,ONT poor) (JF,RI 344)

Radio Florida- QSL info unknown

Dec.31-0313-6955-USB. QSOing w/R. Eclipse & Free Hope Experience. (JL,NE 222 PLS QSL)

Jan.1-0204-0207*-6955-USB. OM talking abt very little pirate activity this evening, lots of QRM,QRT w/"This is R. Florida listening". (JS,AL 454 PLS QSL)

Radio Freedom- QSL info unknown

Jan.1-*1721-1748*-6955-AM. OM w/announced test broadcast, rock music by Rage Against The Machine, Soundgarden, Everclear. (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 555 PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 242+) (ER,NJ 444 PLS QSL) (DP,VT 555 PLS QSL) (JM,PA PLS QSL) (JA,NY 455 PLS QSL) (PD,ME excellent PLS QSL)

Radio Free Euphoria- Belfast, NY

Dec.28-0325-0358*-6955-USB. Captain Ganja w/his "Hempy Holidays" brdcast, music by Jimmy's Chicken Shack, ads for Bong World, 1998 Pirate R. Directory Swimsuit Calendar tx abt marijuana. (ML,CT 222) (LS,OH 354) (JS,NE 222) (JM,PA) (JF,RI 343 good pgm!)

Jan.1-*0421-0458*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/28, 0325 UTC pgm. (JS,NE fair w/QRM from KRAP)

Jan.1-*1541-1619*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/28, 0325 UTC pgm. (MP,NY 454) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 354) (JAK,NY 434) (GZ,OH 252+) (DP,VT 333) (JM,PA) (JA,NY 454 good show!) (PD,ME very good)

Radio Free Speech- Belfast, NY & Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Dec.21-1354-1448*-6955-AM. Bill O.Rights w/replay of his Holiday Special including Earl Pitts commentary on Xmas, ACE plug, 1-900-Santa ad, funny Xmas tunes. (JF,RI 444) (NW,ONT poor to fair) (JC,ONT 433) (JAK,NY 222) (DP,VT 232) (JM,PA) (PD,ME poor to fair)

Dec.25-0500-0520-6955-AM. No details given (JF). (JM,PA)

Dec.25-*1535-1630*-6955-AM. Replay of Holiday Special,QRM fm USB stn 1604 UTC till QRT. (LS,OH 353) (GZ,OH 353/311+) (JAK,NY 343) (DF,ONT 333) (JA,NY 555) (DP,VT 333) (JM,PA) (PD,ME poor)

Dec.28-1358-1432*-6955-AM. Replay of Holiday Special. (MP,NY 454) (LS,OH 454) (DP,VT 353) (JM,PA) (PD,ME fair to good)

Jan.1-*1505-1540*-6955-AM. Annncd as New Year Special, parody tunes: "Blow Me", "1 Inch Tool", thanked various pirate radio columnists. (JAK,NY 323) (MP,NY 454) (LS,OH 353) (GZ,OH 353) (DP,VT 232) (JA,NY 555)

Radio Fusion Radio- Providence, RI

Jan.4-1815-1910*-6955-USB. Played "Macarena" several times, rap music by Public Enemy NWA, ad for Peter Pump, phone call skit w/OM trying to get a VCR repaired. (CL,MA 555) (GZ,OH 252+) (WH,IL 132) (JF,RI 444) (NW,ONT good) (LS,OH 253) (DP,VT 444) (ML,CT 444) (PD,ME very good)

Jan.4-*2030-2128*-6955-USB. Similar to 1/4, 1815 UTC pgm, tune "Colors", said using 900,000 watts of power, QRM from OM saying "You rat bastard" & phone busy tone signal. (LS,OH 353) (WH,IL 132) (ML,CT 444) (JF,RI 434) (NW,ONT good) (JAK,NY 444) (PD,ME good to very good) (JM,PA)

Radio Goon- QSLs via alt.radio.pirate newsgroup

Jan.11-0420-0438*-6956-AM. Music by ZZ Top, Bob Dylan. (ER,NJ 333)

Radio Metallica Worldwide- Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Dec.21-1453-1537*-6952.4v-AM. Dr.Tornado, Jade & Senor El Nino w/music by Weird Al Yankovic, Metallica, Rage Against The Machine, collage of audio from It's A Wonderful Life & gunshots. (RD,PA very good) (NW,ONT fair to good) (JF,RI 555) (GZ,OH 555) (PD,ME very good) (EK,Alberta) (JAK,NY 444) (DP,VT 544) (ML,CT 555) (JM,PA)

Dec.21-1659-1713+-6950v-AM. Music "Fat Bottomed Girls" by Queen.(PD,ME very good to excellent)

Dec.21/22-2328-0003+-6955.9v-AM. Replay of 12/21, 1453 UTC pgm. (EK,Alberta 443) (JF,RI 322) (WH,IL 355) (JS,NE fair)

Radio Nonsense- Belfast,NY

Dec.28-2315-2350-6955-USB. Music by Frank Zappa, Guns & Roses. (PD,ME fair)

Dec.30-*0326-0345+-6955-USB. Music by Pink Floyd & Stevie Ray Vaughn. (JL,NE 323/444)

Jan.1-0135-0200*-6955-USB. Anncr Joe Mama, music by Cream, Pink Floyd, Black Crowes, parody ads, Monty Python's "Holiday Booking" sketch, QRT w/Beavis & Butthead clip. (JA,NY 344 funny show!) (MP,NY 444 good show!) (ML,CT 222) (JAK,NY 323) (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL) (JS,AL 444) (PD,ME fair)

Jan.11-*0225-0308*-6955-USB. Replay of 1/1,0135 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252) (JS,NE 434) (GZ,OH 353) (RR,CA 353) (ML,CT 232) (PD,ME poor)

Jan.16-0048-0118-6955-USB. Replay of 1/1, 0135 UTC pgm. (PD,ME good) (JM,PA)

Jan.18-0135-0212*-6955-USB. Music by Tom Jones & Cream, various skits. (NW,ONT fair) (BO,CA 232 good show!)

Radio Nostalgia- sd to report to rec.radio.pirate newsgroup

Jan.11-0630-0640*-6956.5-AM. Test brdcast w/IDs & tones. (ER,NJ 333)

Radio Ravens- Ytterby, Sweden

Jan.17-2021-2046*-6850-USB. Via WREC,heavy accented OM w/ music by The Sex Pistols, The Cardigans, Erasure, Aqua, The Cranberries, song "Hooked On A Feeling". (ML,CT 444) (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 455)

Radio Sparks- Basel, Switzerland

Dec.20-0025-0117*-6955-USB. DJ Stevie w/pgm of Xmas pop music, mailbag, slogan of "the stn that really cares", QRT w/John Denver song, anned as WREC relay. (EK,Alberta 344)

Radio Three- QSLs via Dialogs

Dec.24-1722-1747*-6955-AM. Sal Amoniac w/hard rock music, ID as "Totally awesome R.Three", sd report to ACE Dialogs only. (JA,NY 555) (JC,ONT 322) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

Radio Universe- QSL info unknown

Dec.25-2115-2135*-6955-USB. Beatles songs:"Day Tripper", "Hey Jude", "You Call My Name", "Paperback Writer", repeated announcements: "This is a test brdcast of R. Universe" & "R.Universe on 6955 USB". (MP,CA 333 PLS QSL)

Rock-It Radio- Ventura, CA

Dec.20-0123-0224*-6955-USB. Host Bennie Dingo w/pgm of 50's Xmas tunes by The Cadillacs, Brenda Lee, The Marceles, Elvis Presley, The Drifters, ad for Kaiser Corner Autos anned as 50th show, tx abt broadcasting on the Internet. (HK,Germany 242) (JS,NE 211+)

Dec.20/21-2306-0007*-6955-USB. Replay of Xmas pgm. (RB,Germany 121) (EK,Alberta 544 great audiol) (WH,IL 143) (JS,NE 211)

Dec.21-1736-1837*-6955-USB. Replay of Xmas pgm. (CL,MA 454) (JF,RI 555 great pgm!) (JC,ONT 444 as Rocket 99) (NW,ONT fair) (DP,VT 343) (JAK,NY 545) (JS,NE 211) (JM,PA) (PD,ME very good)

Solid Rock Radio- Belfast, NY

Dec.23-0058-0119-6955-USB. Rap & R&B music including Queen Latifah. (JAK,NY 545)

Dec.23-0226-0232+-6955-USB. Replay of 12/23, 0058 UTC brdcast but w/test tones, xmtr cut in & out. (JAK,NY 245)

Dec.25-1350-6955-USB. Anned as Xmas pgm, soul music. (DP,VT 232) (PD,ME fair)

Dec.28-1709-6955-USB. S/on w/ID, either faded out or just a brief xmtr test. (JF,RI 242)

Dec.31-2323-6955-USB. Dr. Love w/ID, maildrop & website info under VO Anarchy. (PD,ME fair)

Jan.4-1332-1415+-6955-USB. Pgm of country music: "Mountain Music", "Till The Bar Burns Down", tune by Marvin Gaye. (NW,ONT fair) (LS,OH 252) (JF,RI 242)

Jan.4-1510-1532*-6955-USB. Anncr Dr.Love w/ACE promo, songs: "Hooked On A Feeling", "Rainy Days & Mondays". (NW,ONT fair) (JF,RI 243) (GZ,OH 353)

Jan.10-1419-1449+-6955-USB. Rap & R&B music. (JAK,NY 333) (PD,ME good)

Jan.10-1527-1548*-6955-USB. Relay of "Gold Mine" professionally produced rock oldies show, anned old Box 452 drop. (LS,OH 334) (GZ,OH 242+)

Jan.11-0059-0143-6955-USB. Music profile abt Denise Williams, Marvin Gaye, soul music & PSA abt high blood pressure. (PD,ME poor to fair) (ML,CT 434-3) (GZ,OH 242)

Jan.11-1414-6955-USB. Mx by Chicago, Rod Stewart, audio voice portions distorted. (DP,VT 322)

Jan.18-1615-1640-6955-USB. IDs & pop mx, off or lost @1640. (JF,RI 242)

Take It Easy Radio- Belfast, NY

Dec.21-0008-0052*-6955-USB. Pgm of Xmas tunes, mailbag. (EK,Alberta 434) (JF,RI 444) (MP,NY 454+) (JS,NE poor) (RR,CA weak) (PD,ME excellent)

Dec.21-0630+-6955-USB. OM playing Xmas tunes, thanked various listeners who wrote in. (NW,ONT fair to good) (DP,VT 434) (RR,CA 352)

Dec.21-0815-0850*-6955-USB. Pgm of blues/rock mx. (HK,Germany 343/444) (DP,VT 434)

Dec.25-0436-0501-6950-USB. Played an old Bing Crosby Xmas pgm, ads for Kraft Cheese Spread, War Bonds, sent out Xmas wishes to overseas military. (RR,ONT very good as unid PLS QSL) (JC,ONT 222 as unid) (DF,ONT 343 as unid) (RR,CA 542)

Dec.25-0503-0613*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0436 UTC pgm. (RR,ONT very good as unid PLS QSL) (RR,CA 443) (JF,RI 2-343) (EK,Alberta 544) (JC,ONT 322 as unid)

Jan.1-0530-6955-USB. Mix of brdcasting & QSOs, C&W & Eagles tunes. (DP,VT 433) (JS,NE 434)

Jan.1-0727-0733*-6950-USB. Mx by Don Henley, Foreigner. (CS,MD 222)

Jan.4-0825-0914*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0436 UTC pgm. (HK,Germany 343 hrd using an indoor loop antenna) (DP,VT 242/343)

Jan.17-0745-0755-6955-USB. Pop songs & announcements. (HK,Germany 343)

Tangerine Radio- Belfast, NY

Jan.10-1601-1638*-6955-USB. Replay of "Anti-Religion" pgm, host Raunchy Rick. (JA,NY 344) (JS,NE 322/211) (GZ,OH 454) (JM,PA) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)

The Crooked Man- QSL info unknown

Dec.27-1620-1655*-6955-AM. Replay of old pgm w/OM rantings mixed w/classic rock mx. (JA,NY 444/555 PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 353+) (DP,VT 111) (ML,CT 333 PLS QSL)

Dec.28-2317-2340*-6955.1-AM. Repeat pgm. (GZ,OH 333) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

Up Yours Radio- QSL info unknown

Dec.28-0404-0430*-6955-USB. New stn w/high-pitched OM,songs:"Kiss Me Where It Smells Funny", "Jet Boy, Jet Girl", "Short Dick Man", QRT w/"do you always smoke after recording?". (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL)

Dec.31-2032-2057*-6955-USB. Replay 12/28, 0404 UTC pgm. (JA,NY 555 PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 353) (JS,NE poor to fair) (PD,ME very good PLS QSL)

Jan.1-0356-0420*-6955-USB. Replay 12/28, 0404 UTC. (JS,NE 222) (JL,NE poor as unid PLS QSL)

Jan.1-1642-1708*-6955-USB. Replay 12/28, 0404 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252 as unid PLS QSL) (DP,VT 444 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (GZ,OH 242+) (JM,PA PLS QSL) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)

Jan.4-0042-0108*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/28, 0404 UTC pgm. (HK,Germany 242 PLS QSL) (WH,IL 132 as S9 Radio) (JL,NE as unid PLS QSL)

Voice Of Anarchy- Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Dec.24/25-2307-0014-6954.9-AM. Host Leonard Longwire w/pgm of African mx, some electronic mx. (EK,Alberta 434) (MP,NY fair) (BS,AL 444) (JF,RI 444) (ML,CT 433-2) (PD,ME good)

Dec.31-2300-2335*-6954.7-AM. Pgm of C&W mx by Billy Z(?), songs:"I Fell In Love With A Girl From TX", "Honky Tonk". (MP,NY 343) (GZ,OH 333) (JS,AL 232) (WH,IL 555) (JS,NE 323) (JL,NE 232/333) (PD,ME good)

Jan.2-0017-0025+-6954.5-AM. Replay of 12/31, 2300 UTC show. (BA,PA 434 enjoyed it!) (JF,RI 333) (JS,NE 322) (JA,NY 433) (PD,ME poor to fair)

Jan.17-2332-2359*-6955.1v-AM. Pgm of mx by Chicago artists incl Eddie Leonard. (JF,RI 433) (NW,ONT good)

Voice Of Christmas- Providence, RI

Dec.21-0131-0217*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/13/97, 2140 UTC pgm. (NW,ONT poor)

Dec.25-0336-0421*-6955-USB. Xmas songs by The Chipmunks, Scrooge skit. (RR,ONT very good) (JC,ONT 333) (GZ,OH 353) (JAK,NY 333) (DF,ONT 444) (WH,IL 133)

Dec.25-1655-1730+-6955-USB. Replay of 12/25, 0336 UTC pgm. (NW,ONT fair to poor)

Voice Of Communism- QSL info unknown

Dec.25-1542-1700+-6955-AM. Replay of old R.Moscow parody, exaggerated echo effect in vxs just like old USSR xmtrs. (GZ,OH 252+) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) (JC,ONT 222 PLS QSL) (DF,ONT 444 very funny!) (JA,NY 555) (DP,VT 555) (ML,CT 554) (PD,ME very good PLS QSL)

Voice Of Indigestion- QSLs via Dialogs & PIPA

Dec.24-2021-2100-6955-AM. Pgm of unusual Xmas tunes: "I Found Santa Claus Brains Under My Bed", "I Want A Blowup Doll For Xmas", "I Want A Part Time Girl For Xmas" ads for Tums, Alka Seltzer, Dr.Carter's Liver Pills. (ML,CT 433 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 454) (JC,ONT 322 as VO Intoxication) (DF,ONT 545) (JA,NY 555) (PD,ME fair PLS QSL)

Dec.25-1500-1528*-6955-USB. Replay of 12/24, 2021 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 343) (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (JAK,NY 233 as unid) (JA,NY 555) (DP,VT 121)

Voice Of Peace- QSL info unknown

Jan.4-1656-1753-6955-USB. Pgm of black church service w/choir & long religious tx by preacher. (GZ,OH 151+/252 as unid) (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL) (JAK,NY 444 as unid)

Voice Of The Atlantic- QSL info unknown

Dec.24-2219-2234-6955-USB. Captain Jack playing mx by Steppenwolf, The Rolling Stones. (ML,CT 333 PLS QSL) (JC,ONT 444 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)

Voice Of The Pig's Ear- QSL info unknown

Jan.4-2156-2158-6955-USB. OM w/anncd once a year brdcast, gave observations on the world scene, sponsored by Rabbi Ben Over & ?, QRT w/"enjoy your police state & New World Order, this is the VOT Pig's Ear, until next year". (JS,NE 322)

WBIG- Belfast, NY

Jan.17-1851-1918*-6850-USB. Via WREC, host Big Mike w/pgm of rock mx by The Scorpions, Green Day, Metallica, funny ad for PC Pirates, cameo ID by Fearless Fred, QRT w/"Mexican Radio". (ML,CT 434) (JF,RI 455 good show!) (NW,ONT good)

WMOM- report to alt.radio.pirate newsgroup

Dec.25-1424-1433*-6955-USB. OM annr w/IDs & ment of Xmas Special, Twilight Zone parody, PSA abt sending care packages to Europe. (JA,NY 444 PLS QSL) (DP,VT 333 as WMON) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)

WMPR- QSL info unknown

Dec.24-2145-2150-6925-AM. No details given (JF). (JM,PA PLS QSL)
Dec.24-2205-2230+-6955.2v-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (JS,NE strong) (ML,CT 534 PLS QSL) (PD,ME good)
Dec.25-1612-1633*-6925-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (DF,ONT 555) (LS,OH 454)
Dec.25-1928-1955-6955-AM. Replay of Xmas pgm. (LS,OH 554 PLS QSL) (JA,NY 555)
Dec.31-2220-2300-6955-AM. Pgm of techno-pop mx, overdriven audio. (JA,NY 555) (WH,IL 143) (JS,NE 434) (JM,PA PLS QSL) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)
Jan.11-2205-2220-6955.3-AM. Techno dance mx, muddy audio. (JS, NE) (JM,PA PLS QSL)

WPUP- Belfast, NY

Jan.17-1921-2002*-6850-USB. Via WREC, annr Pirate Puppies w/barking dogs IS mx: "Dogs Of War" by Pink Floyd, "Me & You & A Dog Named Boo" dedicated to R. Animal, "Hey Bulldog", parody ads for Doggy Condoms, Bong World, Pussy Lickins, Cheech & Chong skit, RMWW parody, slögan of "We're pot using puppies". (ML,CT 444) (JF,RI 455 good show!) (NW,ONT good)

WQSL- Belfast, NY

Dec.21-2247-2259+-6955-USB. Replay of Xmas pgm. (GZ,OH 232)

WREC- Belfast, NY & Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Jan.17-0141-0206*-6950-USB. Anned as equipment test w/rock mx by The Sex Pistols, Beastie Boys, quick QRT. (NW,ONT good)
Jan.17-0211-0305*-6955-USB. Live equip test, mx by Green Day, Dead Kennedy's, Metallica, Barney parody skit, e-mail WRECRADIO@aol.com. (HK,Germany 343) (NW,ONT fair) (JF,RI 555)
Jan.17-0403-0503*-6955-USB. PJ Sparx w/live bdcst of mx by Jane's Addiction, The Ramones, Mighty Bosstones, comedy by Dennis Leary, ad Testicular Injuries Video. (JF,RI 344) (NW,ONT fair to good)
Jan.17-1706-1820*-6955-USB. Rock mx by White Zombie, Jane's Addiction, Primus ACE plug, some cameo IDs, parody ads, Austin Powers clip, live TCs, anned upcoming relays on 6850. (ML,CT 434) (JF,RI 444) (NW,ONT good)
Jan.17-1836-2049*-6850-USB. Relays of WBIG, WPUP & R.Ravens w/another live brdcast of parody ads & tunes, rock mx by Creed, Foo Fighters, Mighty Mighty Bosstones, sd will be back after letting xmtr cool down, mentioned various listeners who sent e-mail. (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 455)

WWPS- QSL info unknown

Dec.31-2348-2359-6955-USB. Horribly distorted techno-dance mx. (JS,AL 333 PLS QSL)
Jan.1-0039-0058*-6955-USB. Slogan "World's Worst Pirate Stn", intentional tech problems. (ML,CT 333 PLS QSL) (MP,NY 343 PLS QSL) (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL) (WH IL 211 as unid) (JL,NE 323/222 PLS QSL)
Jan.2-2335-2352+-6955-USB. Terrible audio distortion on mx. (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL) (RTJ,TX PLS QSL) (JAK,NY 131 as unid PLS QSL)

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Dec.19-2100-2103-6960-AM. "Rubber Biscuit" by Blues Brothers, maybe RMWW test? (JAK,NY 555)
Dec.20-1701-1743-6955-?. On/off w/"Candle In The Wind". (LS,OH 453 PLS QSL) (DP,VT 121)
Dec.20-2116-2121*-6955-USB. Loop of "Candle In The Wind 1997" & "I Love The Dead" by Alice Cooper". (NW,ONT fair PLS QSL) (JF,RI 344 PLS QSL)
Dec.20-2128-2129*-6954.9-AM. Rock song "Love Is Like A Rock". (JF,RI 444) (JAK,NY 434) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)
Dec.20-2143-2205-6955-USB. Just like 12/20, 2116 UTC unid. (JAK,NY 444) (PD,ME fair)
Dec.21-0008-6955-USB. Punk/heavy metal rock mx. (WH,IL 143)
Dec.21-1405-1420-6955-AM. Hrd mention of Xmas Special & Merlin drop. (EK,Alberta 323 PLS QSL)
Dec.22-1523-1524*-6955-USB. Played audio fm what sounded like SWBC stn. (CS,MD 333 PLS QSL)
Dec.23-2330-2340-6955-USB. Played 3-4 Black Sabbath tunes. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL)
Dec.24-1323-1354*-6955-USB. Preacher ranting abt Bill Cosby, the CIA, Waco, OK City relay stn cut address of preacher out. (NW,ONT fair) (JA,NY 444) (PD,ME poor PLS QSL)
Dec.24-1738+-6955-AM. Gave ID as "Radio Free ?". (PD,ME poor)
Dec.24-2210-2231(?) -6955-AM. Heavy R&R instrumental Xmas mx, low audio. (BS,AL good PLS QSL)
Dec.24-2230-2234-6955-USB. "Born To Be Wild", gave ID as "VO ?". (PD,ME fair)
Dec.25-0018-0024+-6955-AM. Popular anti-Vietnam mx by OM, tx abt draft resistance Ron Reagan, Jimi Hendrix's "Star Spangled Banner". (BS,AL fair w/whistler QRM PLS QSL) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)
Dec.25-0700-0725-6955-USB. Soul or gospel mx, comments between OM & YL, maybe WSRR? (DP,VT 111) (LS,OH 151 PLS QSL)
Dec.25-1425-1433-6955-USB. Tx by child & agitated OM. (JC,ONT 222)
Dec.25-1451+-6955-AM. Mx. (PD,ME poor PLS QSL)
Dec.25-1604-1640*-6955-USB. Played 8-9 songs causing QRM to RF Speech. (LS,OH 233 PLS QSL) (EK,Alberta 534 PLS QSL) (DF,ONT 423)
Dec.25-1802-1805-6955-USB. Hard rock song. (ML,CT 444)
Dec.25-1813-1817*-6955-USB. Xmas mx. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL)
Dec.25-1819-1825-6955-USB. Xmas mx, ads for Deformed Kermit, Crazy Bill's Bargains. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL) (DF,ONT 333 WREC?)
Dec.25-1855-1858-6955-USB. YL singing "Mr.Grinch". (JAK,NY 233)
Dec.26-0030-0044-6955-USB. Ad for Crazy Billy's, song "Do They Know It's Xmas" maybe Omega R.? (PD,ME poor PLS QSL)
Dec.27-1843-1848-6955-USB. Rock song "The Memory Remains". (JAK,NY 444)
Dec.28-2315-2350*-6955-USB. Song "Live & Let Die", lots of comedy bits, OM gave e-mail address @QRT. (HK,Germany 232) (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) -Radio Nonsense? (JF)
Jan.1-2254-6955-USB. Tx abt pirate r. McKenzie Brothers style. (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL)
Jan.2-2326-2330*-6955.3-AM. Live version of "Truckin'" by The Grateful Dead. (JF,RI 444)
Jan.2-2335-2359-6955v-?. Mostly noise, ID as WW? (WH,IL 111)
Jan.3-2134-2138*-6955-AM. Grateful Dead tune. (JAK,NY 333)
Jan.4-2116-2118-6955-AM. Played song "Dirty White Boy" over VO ? on USB. (LS,OH 444 PLS QSL)
Jan.4-2137-2140-6955.4-AM. Mx. (ML,CT 423)
Jan.4-2150-2159-6955-USB. Ment Waco, R Rabbi, Whitewater, Reno,etc, ID VO ?. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)
Jan.5-2314-2318+-6955-USB. Faint mx & anned NY drop. (RTJ,TX 211)
Jan.10-0346-0356+-6955-USB. Mx, tx abt Bible reading, ID as Radio?. (LS,OH 152 PLS QSL)
Jan.10-1436-1439*-6953-AM. Metallica song, RMWW? (PD,ME excellent PLS QSL) (JAK,NY 555)
Jan.10-1620-1634-6955-USB. Played religious mx: "Don't Believe", lots of tx abt God, ID @1634 UTC as "Int'l on SW". (JL,NE 212 PLS ID/QSL)
Jan.10-2043-2049-6955-USB. Sd "Radio ? brdcasting to North America", calls to time/temp (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)
Jan.11-0319-0336-6955-USB. Mx part of Moody Blues' "Days Of Future Passed". (ML,CT 333 PLS QSL)
Jan.11-0342-0412-6955-USB. Played mx similar to Mystery Radio. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)
Jan.15-0032-0044-6955-USB. Heard 3-4 songs, faded quickly. (LS,OH 252/151 PLS QSL)
Jan.16-0300-0309*-6955-USB. 2-3 songs then QRT. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL)
Jan.17-0048-0112*-6955-?. Somebody relaying a health pgm called "Living W/Arthritis" up to 0055 UTC then some soul mx. (NW,ONT fair to good PLS QSL) (JF,RI 343 PLS QSL)
Jan.17-0100-0117-6955-USB. Jazz/funk type mx, QSO abt pirate radio. (HK,Germany 242)
Jan.17-0126-0131*-6955-USB. "Johnny B.Good" by The Sex Pistols,WREC testing? (HK,Germany 343)
Jan.17-0621-0628-6956.7-AM. Tough copy on unid mx. (JF,RI 131 PLS ID/QSL)
Jan.18-0335-6955-USB. YL vocalist sounded like Janis Joplin or similar. (BO,CA 131 PLS QSL)

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1997 was "The Year of the Radio 'Pirate'" according to Radio World, and they should know. The brief article by Sharon Rae reports on the increase in micro'casters, the increasing resistance to them by the NAB and other licensed broadcasters, and increased actions by the FCC. It also included a short list of such FCC actions. No mention was made of the burgeoning Free Radio scene on shortwave, but that's to be expected since Radio World is a broadcasting industry paper. But it's nice to know that pirates are getting the publicity they deserve. [Radio World 24 Dec 97, pp 16 & 17]

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Ramsey TV6 television xmtr with extra coils and case (assembled): US\$40. Therein - make wild sounds! Assembled PC boards, 10 available: \$50 to ACE members. Shipping included. Contact: C. Collins, POB 342502, Milwaukee, WI 53234.

Various FT243 crystals for older Heath & Johnson rigs; 90, 43, 41 & 19 meters: US\$10/ea, shipping included. Send a #10 SASE to: POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711 for complete list.

Now you can enjoy your favorite pirate programs in the privacy of your own home or car without the usual noise and static! The DVS Archive contains over 400 programs from more than 100 different NAM stations, and the cost is absurdly low: only \$2 per program (\$4 for two) if you supply the tape, or for \$6 DVS will also provide a C90 cassette. For a list of what's available, send a #10 SASE to: DVS, POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711.

Ever wonder how to broadcast "legally" without a license? Want to serve a small area on campus or around the school? "Adventures in Part 15 Broadcasting" is a clear, concise overview of the hobby and how it's done, what's permitted and what's not. Your copy is only \$15 postpaid from: Bud Stacey, PO Box 907, Satsuma, AL 36572.

Lots of good stuff for sale; radio related books and gear, model train stuff. This is a completely new list, with great discounts. Some new, some used, but NONE abused. Send a #10 SASE for complete list to: Brandon Artman, 515 N. Maryland Ave, West Chester, PA 19380.

TROLLing for Pirates

ADD to Box 28413: Betty Boop Radio...

Although the ACE Awards program is still on hold (for lack of certificates), there are other Pirate Awards you may qualify for. NASWA still offers one for shortwave pirates QSLed, starting with a ridiculously low 10. And you might qualify for a really nice blue certificate from NAPRS for QSLs from relays by that station. The NAPRS DX Award is offered for as few as 5 QSLs, and in increments of 5 thereafter. QSLs can either be from the station relayed, or from NAPRS station the station relayed. The Award is yours for a list of QSLs plus US\$1 and a 32-cent stamp. For complete info, write to NAPRS DX Award, PO Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711

Gollie! Seems like I recall a pirate DX contest sponsored by a former editor of The ACE, musta been geez... more than a year ago, wasn't it? In fact, it was December of 1995! As I recall, the winners were promised certificates or sumptin' and were requested to contribute money or IRCs towards the expense(s). To date, however, there hasn't even been a list of participants published anywhere, let alone a list of winners - and there certainly hasn't been any mailing of certificates! Same comment applies here as it does to station Ops who announce addresses and request reports: People what make promises should *keep* them! Ain't it about time somebody coughed up something for the winners, at least post a list of them - or refunded their money...?

Buying Equipment

or: how to get the best buy for your buque(s)

Every DXer has to have some equipment or he/she isn't in the hobby at all. Gotta have a radio as well as an antenna, just for starters, or you won't hear anything. But since many inexpensive radios aren't worth buying and many of us are on limited budgets, how to get something worthwhile? Once upon a time there were kits; but in case you hadn't noticed Eico and Heath are long gone - and it's usually cheaper to buy a

finished product than to buy and build a kit anymore. And new gear is sooooo expensive! So what to do?

Consider used gear. No, seriously! There's a bunch of good used radio equipment out there just looking for a home. There's some real junkie, too, so obviously you've gotta be a little careful.

Where to start? To make intelligent choices, you've gotta do some research: Look around; read a lot; send for used equipment lists (try Universal or Burghardt); talk to as many people as you can; ask a LOT of questions. Bear in mind that the only stupid question is the one you don't ask! Everyone has opinions about radio gear, so ask everyone you can. Remember, too, that most people will sing the praises of the radio they currently own, so take all advice with a grain or two of salt. Again, talk to more than one person.

OK, you've read through catalogs and used equipment lists, scoured Fred Osterman's "Radio Receivers, Past & Present", and worn out your welcome at several hams' shacks asking tons of questions. What next?

By this point you should have a decent idea what's out there and what you really want and/or need, so start looking around. Keep an eye on the classified ads in your local PennySaver or other birdcage liner under Electronics For Sale, and don't forget the Miscellaneous section. This is actually the best way to find something big and/or heavy along the lines of a Johnson Viking or a Heath DX100B as you'll save a bundle on shipping costs by picking it up.

Occasionally you can find something at a garage or yard sale - and the seller may not know what they have, so you could get a really good deal. But be careful: Look over the radio closely and ask if you can take the cover off. If not, at least give it the "sniff test"; if it smells like something burned, leave it for someone else to buy unless you're well versed in electronic repair or have a very good friend who is!

It could take quite a while to find something at a yard sale, but you may increase your chances by attending a nearby flea market. A flea market is like a whole bunch of yard sales in a one place at the same time. The above cautions apply, of course: Check things out very carefully before handing over any money. With care and a little luck, you might find something worthwhile.

However, a way to truly increase the chances is to attend a regional HamFest! A hamfest is a more specialized flea market devoted exclusively to radio and computer gear, thus you're virtually guaranteed to find a radio there. Better yet, the sellers know what they've got and can answer your questions. Unfortunately, the sellers know what they've got and, while the prices are usually somewhat negotiable, you'll probably pay a little more than you might at a yard sale. You're much more likely to get a good piece of equipment at a good price, however, and many sellers will give some sort of guarantee - at least your money back if it doesn't work at all. You may be out the return shipping cost, but you won't necessarily be stuck with a piece of bunque junkie. Be sure to talk out the details with the seller before you buy; at least get his call sign and/or name and address so you can contact him after you get home. And take the time to look around; don't just plunke down your hard-earned buques on the first thing you see because Murphy's Law guarantees: As soon as you buy something you're sure to find a better radio at a better price in the next aisle!

Another good source, if you have access to the UseNet, is <rec.radio.swap>. In amongst the flame wars and the snide comments about other sellers and overpricing you'll find radio gear, accessories, xmtrs, xcvs, scanners, parts, and computer gear offered for sale, often at very good prices. Just like anywhere else you'll have to be careful of scam artists and outright liars, but with a little caution (and patience) you'll probably find what you're looking for. I've made some purchases, a few sales, and a couple of good trades through the newsgroup, so I know it can work.

If nothing else delivers the radio you're looking for, go back to those used equipment lists you sent for back in the third paragraph. Both Universal and Burghardt charge a little more for their used stuff, but

both check out (in some cases recondition) and guarantee it for a reasonable period (usually 30 to 90 days).

With a little persistence and some caution, you should be able to find a decent used ICOM or Kenwood for the price of a new Sangean. Happy hunting - and good DXing!

Burghardt Amateur Radio Supply
PO Box 73
Watertown, SD 57201

Universal Radio
6380 American Pkwy
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

and here's what was slipped.....

Under The Door

the QSL report for February 1998

Tony Benbenek waxed ecstatic about three full data cards (#533, 534, & iou) from Radio Azteca signed by BS in 48 days, a full data card (#17) and infosheet from WQSL signed by Ken Hill in 36 days, a nice yellow card (#330) from Rockit Radio (via WREC) signed by Bennie Dingo in 21 days, and a full data card and info sheet from One Voice Radio signed by Joe in 11 days.

Joe Filipkowski flipped his wig over a full data letter (#62) from Jerry Rigged Radio signed by Simon in about one month for an unID log, two full data cards (#21 & 22) and letter from WDRR signed by JG Tiger in 13 months, a full data sheet (#1268) and playlist from WLIS signed by CP in 16 days, a full data sheet from Hotel California SW in one month, and three full data color cards from Mystery Radio signed by The Shadow in about two months.

Greg Myers blew his cool over a full data card (#8) and station certificate from WQSL signed by Ken Hill in one month, a full data sheet from Hotel California SW in about a month, and two full data cards (#73 & 90) from Voice of Indigestion signed by Horse in about ten months.

Ray Pfaff got a full data card (#32) and a nice letter from WDRR in 4 weeks.

Robert Ross is enjoying a full data "Skeleton" card (#67) from Voice of Indigestion signed by "HORSE" in 1 Year. Really freaks your eyes out!!

Chris Smolinski grinned from ear to ear over two full data "YL with some kind of creature" (hard to describe) cards (#36 & #37) from WDRR signed by JG Tiger in 7 weeks, and a full data YL looking at skeleton card (#72) from Voice of Indigestion signed by Horse in around 11 months for a logging via ACE Dialogs.

George Zeller kept on keepin' on with a full data "Goodbye England's Rose" card (#111) from Radio 510 signed by DJ Stevie in 73 days for rept to Basel for NA pirate relay, a full data "clothed skeleton opens clothes to reveal bones" card (#75) from Voice of Indigestion signed by Horse in 8 months for logs in bulletins, two "YL w/jungle mask" cards (#s 23 & 29) from WDRR signed by JG Tiger with infosheet in 13 months for logs in ACE and PiPa, a full data "rotund mother admonishing child to listen to WMOM" card from WMOM signed by Mom in 46 days for logs in bulletins, and a full data "Santa w/reindeer" card (#98) from The Voice of Christmas signed by the Christmas Elf in 39 days for logs in bulletins.

Ye Olde Columniste scored a full data card (#102) from The Voice of Christmas signed by The Pirate Elf a bit more than a month, a full data plain blue "98" sheet (#1) from RFM - 1690 signed by HV Short in four short days, a full data sheet and keyring light from KCHZ signed by Jack Cheese in 83 days, a full data sheet from Reefer Madness Radio signed by Harry Anslinger Jr in 38 days, and a full data "R Crumb" card from WMOM signed by Mom in about one week after NJW posted my report in <alt.radio.pirate>. Thanks Niel!

Until next month, Great DX and 73FR to all..!

Free Radio QSL Statistics

(updated: 20 January 1998)

NAm = North American Pirate QSLs incl Canada
dif = number of different stations represented

For = Foreign Pirate QSLs, outside NAm
Tot = total different Pirate QSLs, NAm + For

NAME-STATE	Nam/DIF	pirates For/dif	TOT	cland tot/dif	BEST QSL
R. Brandt-DL	119/70	1259/739	809	16/10	KTVI/VotRock
G Zeller-OH	456/319	9/9	328	8/8	WHBH bust
J Filipkowski-RI	617/289	27/17	306		KMOM panties
J Arthur-NY	484/257	20/16	273	3/3	SML ltd
T Provance-OH	430/251	21/16	267	14/11	VoAcid
E Suter-VA	367/247	21/20	267		RBCN T-shirt
N Wolfish-ONT	419/249	11/8	255		R Condor Intl
E Rausch-NJ	266/201	22/17	218		LVdMTiempo/ Argosy Mag
P Murphy-VA	248/196	19/15	211		CSIC chicken
E Cronkright-MI	196/196	9/9	205		Anteater Radio
J Coatsworth-ONT	213/173	26/20	193		KMOM
R Pfaff-VA	184/171	21/21	192	9/9	R Amazonia can
R Ross-ONT	200+/151	35/26	177	50/37	KIWI
C Collins-WI	213/174	1/1	175		Primitive Radio
JD Stephens-AL	182/147	9/8	155	8/8	R G'day
C Smolinski-MD	143/123	16/13	136	2/2	VoVoyager bust
B Stacey-AL	261/132	2/2	134		Zepplin R VVV
Y Lewis-IL	178/112	20/12	124		JRR-6229
W Taylor-PA	138/103	12/11	114		Vot Lumpfish
R Hunsicker-PA	147/105		105		WBSR
C Lobdell-MA	90/75	29/27	102		R. Mi Amigo
E Kusalik-ALTA	129/78	20/20	98	87/53	Radio G'day
A Spremo-NY	138/83	13/8	91	1/1	all of them
J Rose-VA	171/82	6/3	85		R Korak Intl
R Pearce-VT	94/80	2/1	81		R Doomsday
S Gentry-IL	128/76	6/3	79		KMCR
M Leclerc-CT	121/76	2/2	78		RBCN
R D'Angelo-PA	69/63	18/15	78	29/27	HeMan R
B Shelley-CA	70/61	1/1	62		KIWI
S Rogovich-VA	56/52	2/2	54		R Clandestine
V Havrilko-FL	56/39	14/12	51		R USA
J Laws-QUE	54/43	1/1	44		Ptl India R
J Foster-MI	53/44		44		WORK
F Bergman-WI	76/41	1/1	42		R Doomsday
M Pawl-NJ	50/35	2/2	37		
S Foehner-NY	54/34		34		WORK
R Ruger-CA	54/33	2/1	34		KIWI
S Paszkiewicz-WI	35/33		33	4/4	R Blandx
E Wiley-GA	45/33		33		VotB&G, KDED
C Harkins-ONT	46/29		29		WGLR
R Doehner-TX	38/27	1/1	28		Vo an American
G Lytle-TX	32/26	6/1	27		KIWI
E Reynolds-NJ	30/21	1/1	22		Live Wire R
J McWilliams-PA	22/20	1/1	21		Radio Two
T Mazanec-OH	23/18		18		Vot Blue & Grey
S Bickel-KY	21/16		16		Radio USA
B Wooten-GA	16/13		13		
C Cuomo-PA	11/10		10		
H Short-MA?	10/9		9		R Garbanzo

The ACE QSL Statistics appear in the Feb, May, Aug, and Nov editions of Veried Response. Kindly update your totals in January, April, July, and/or October for inclusion; mail them to: ACE Stats, PO Box 1, Belfast NY 14711. Please note that the ACE Stats are *only* available to A*C*E members!

CLANDESTINE PROFILE

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Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2045 UTC weekdays. You can use George.Zeller@acclink.com for Internet e-mail.

MY INTERNET WOES

I was very worried about getting this column in to ACE HQ, since my internet provider had a connection outage that lasted over ten days in January. It only applies to a minority of their customers in some sections of Cleveland, unfortunately including me. Diagnosis and repair of the problem is still not resolved as I write this, but I have found a temporary means to get the column in. Meanwhile, I have progressed from anger to fury to some state for which I don't have any words to describe it. Tests show the problem is not in my computer, and is probably within a combination of my local phone service provider (Ameritech) and the provider of phone lines to my Internet provider (ICG). If you hold stock in either of these so-called companies, it would be a good idea to sell it immediately. I'm bending over backwards trying to avoid changing to a new Internet provider, so I can keep my regular e-mail address. Hopefully this will all be solved by next month. I'm still occasionally managing to download my e-mail so please keep using the regular George.Zeller@acclink.com address as has been the case.

THE VOICE OF JUSTICE

Harald Kuhl of Germany notes he received a letter in four months from The Voice of Justice from the "Republic of Mountainous Karabagh" in response to a reception report. The original reply appears to be in Armenian, but a German translation was also enclosed. The QSL arrived from the Independent Radiostation Voice of Justice, Tigran Meds-Str. 23A, Stepanakert, Armenia. The veric signer was station director Lewon Hajrapetjan, although BBCMS had spelled this as Levon Ayrapetyan. They list a schedule using 9677 kHz on Tuesdays and Fridays 1500-1530 UTC and Wednesdays and Fridays 0600-0630 UTC. Harald says he doesn't know if daylight time has moved these times back an hour. They say they went on air August 12, 1997, "trying to calm down the conflict with Azerbaijan and working toward a peace agreement." Harald, noting modulation problems when he heard them in September, says this is one of the finest QSL's he has ever received. Our congratulations go out to Harald for a truly fine catch!

RADIO PATRIA LIBRE

I'm trying to stay hot on the trail of this one, which has become the only regularly heard Western Hemisphere pure "white" clandestine broadcaster on SW. It still is the voice of the very active ELN guerrillas in Colombia. In *Numero Uno* #1458, Bob Wilkner of Florida reported them on 6250.08 kHz from 2230-2240+ UTC with a female announcer giving a strident political speech. Bob noted QRM from voice utility stations nearby. I still have failed to hear this one since its move to 49 meters about twelve months ago. Are any ACE members having better luck?

ANOTHER BARRY WILLIAMS JAMMER LOG

ACE member Barry Williams of Alabama has been scanning the bands in search of jammer signals, and has found another one. He notes a warbler jammer around 0325 UTC on 5380 kHz, with a sudden sign-off at 0330. Barry is wondering about the potential target of this station. Nothing specific is listed here in the 1998 *Passport to World Band Radio*, but the time and frequency suggest that this could be Middle Eastern. Barry is looking for our help here with ideas on the potential target of the jammer.

NICK GRACE ON KURDS

Many of the clandestines on the air today are related to the Kurdish situation in Iran, Iraq, and Turkey. Former ACE DiaLogs editor Nick Grace, in his Clandestine Radio Intel web site, has a good account of the confusing situation with these stations; <http://www.qsl.net/yb0rmi/kurds.htm> is the URL that should take you there. I lifted this item out of *Numero Uno* #1458. How's it going, Nick?

NON-CLANDESTINE FROM PERU

ACE member Chris Smolinski sent in an unidentified log on 7745 kHz around 0100-0130+ UTC, wondering if it might be a clandestine. Thanks for the audio file on this one, Chris. It turns out the station is the relatively new Radio Cristal in Peru, which has widely heard in North America lately. If you want to hear a good Peruvian on 41 meters, this is a nice target.

RADIO KUDIRAT NIGERIA

Via Ed Rausch in New Jersey, also mentioned in *Numero Uno* #1458, Radio Kudirat has announced that it went on a two week "maintenance break" in late December and early January. They hoped to resume transmissions on 6205 kHz from 1905-2005 UTC by mid-January. This anti-Nigerian government clandestine is mainly in English, and thus is fascinating.

BBCMS CLANDESTINE NEWS

Many of the clandestine radio items from the BBC Monitoring Service would not fit into the pages of *Monitoring Times* magazine again this month. So, with thanks to Bob Grove and Rachel Baughn at MT, here are a variety of new BBCMS items:

Congo. Radio Congo Liberte in Brazzaville, operated during the 1997 revolt by supporters of General Denis Sassou Nguesso, has announced that it is being renamed Radio Liberte. This formerly clandestine broadcaster said that it is passing "the torch of information, administration, and education of the Congolese people at home and abroad to Radio Congo."

Cuba. Radio Havana Cuba, reporting on the eighth Cuban-North American meeting on compliance with migration agreements, noted that TV Marti is airing its broadcasts to Cuba via a blimp transmitter in southern Florida. They said that the name of the blimp is "Gordo Alberto," or "Fat Albert" in English. Cuban jamming still largely prevents reception of the signal in Cuba. Meanwhile, an item in the Cuban newspaper *Trabajadores* reported that Cuba has acquired jammers that will operate on UHF frequencies, should TV Marti follow through on its announced plans to transmit on the UHF band.

Iraq. BBCMS updates the addresses used by the Voice of Rebellious Iraq, which in Arabic is an ID of Sawt al-Iraq al-Tha'ir. It is operated by the Iranian-sponsored Shiji' group, probably from Iranian transmitters as far back as March 1991. They use the following contact points: PO Box 11365/738, Tehran, Iran; PO Box 37155/146, Qom Iran, and PO Box 36802, Damascus, Syria. BBCMS lists the following schedule for their Arabic language services: 1539 kHz from 0330-0600, 1300-1530 on 6020v kHz, and 2100-2300 UTC on 1386 kHz.

North Korea. The Yonhap news agency in Seoul said that North Korea stopped its loudspeaker propaganda broadcasts against South Korea on December 30. A shortage of electrical power was blamed for the QRT. Despite the end of the loudspeaker broadcasts, shortwave clandestine Voice of National Salvation continues its clandestine transmissions. Yonhap notes that the Voice of National Salvation has been on the air since 1970.

Sierra Leone. The Sierra Leone web site reports that Radio FM 98, a pro-democracy clandestine broadcaster, is interfering with broadcasts by the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Service on 99.9 MHz FM. The item mentioned that Radio FM 98 has future plans for three additional 1,000 watt FM transmitters and a shortwave transmitter. It says the station expansion was decided upon when the Sierra Leone "junta" announced that it "may not be ready to hand over power to the constitutionally-elected government of President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah by April 22, 1998."

Sudan. BBCMS lists a schedule of the Voice of Sudan with a daily schedule on 12008 kHz upper sideband, 9025 kHz, and 8000 kHz daily from 0400-0600 UTC and 1600-1800 UTC. The station is run by the National Democratic Alliance, an umbrella group for opponents of the Sudanese government. The station has been on the air since August 7, 1995, allegedly from transmitters in Asmara, Eritrea. There is an irregular English segment heard between 0515-0530 UTC. Although BBCMS does not list an address for the station, it gives a studio telephone number in Asmara, Eritrea of +291-1-184027.

Switzerland. Although this is not a clandestine item, I'm following up on my discussion of the SRI transmitter situation that I mentioned in the December ACE after my trip to Switzerland. Citing Glenn Hauser's "World of Radio," Bob Zanotti of SRI says the Schwarzenburg transmitter is scheduled for closure at the end of March. Environmental protests from nearby residents were the main cause of the shutdown. I found that real estate issues were involved when I visited the Schwarzenburg site in November, similar to the VOA Bethany closure. The Lenk transmitter site is scheduled for closure in October, in anticipation of environmental protests that are not yet as strong as the ones in Schwarzenburg. The 500 Kw directional SRI transmitter at Sottens will remain on the air.

ZACHARIAS LIANGAS LOGS

Zacharias Liangus of Greece sends in two clandestine logs. He heard the Voice of Southern Azerbaijan at 1717 UTC on 7095 kHz December 23. A female announcer gave political talks. He also noted the Communist Party of Iran on 3920 kHz at 1950 UTC on December 26. A male announcer in Farsi was mixed with music, including the communist "Internationale" at sign-off. Zacharias tentatively lists the

Movement of Islamic Iraqi Kurds on 4130 kHz at 1800 UTC on December 25. This one featured Arabic talks and music. The range just above the 80 meter ham band is a good place to scan for Middle Eastern clandestines, especially during winter propagation periods to North America.

WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

As many of you know, the 11th annual Winter Shortwave Listeners Festival, better known as "The Fest," is coming up March 12-14 at Holiday Inn Summerytown Pike in Kulpville, PA. The hotel is located at the Kulpville exit (#31) of the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension; this is the first exit north of the regular east-west PA Turnpike. As usual, a pirate forum and an ACE table/booth are scheduled. We traditionally have at least two dozen ACE members among the couple hundred DXers in attendance at this fun event. Registration fees are \$40 plus \$22 for a spouse. Harold Cones, one of the gang of three that organizes the event, says hotel rooms are \$64 for a single or double. You should mention the Winter SWL Fest when you call for a reservation to get this rate. The hotel number is (215) 368-3800. It is a good idea to reserve a room *now*, since the hotel filled up completely a couple of years ago, creating room problems for those who did not call ahead. I'll look forward to seeing many of you at this annual extravaganza.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION SUMMARY

In the middle of my agonizing problems with my Internet provider, I had to clean out all of my various e-mail files. A few items were in there that I want to mention, most of which are recent arrivals:

Anti-Castro Clandestine Radio Web Page. I believe that we have mentioned this before, but in case you forgot, "Armando" is maintaining a web site devoted to anti-Castro clandestines. URL <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/8115/> will take you there. This is a good place to look for info on easily heard clandestines, particularly for novice North American clandestine DXers that are looking for someplace to get started.

Mexican DXers Meeting. Jeff White of WRMI forwards information on the 1998 Mexican National DX meeting. The fourth annual event will be held in Tehuacan, located in Puebla State about three hours southeast of Mexico City. Plenty of tourist sites are nearby. A large majority of convention activities will be conducted in Spanish. Additional information is available from Jeff at wrmi@compuserve.com on the Internet, or via Mexican National DX Meeting, c/o Radio Miami International, PO Box 526852, Miami, FL 33152. These contact points are also good for getting information on the various quasi-clandestines that pepper the WRMI transmission schedule.

Klingenfuss 1998 Publications. Are you trying to track down the source of that QRM interfering with the pirate or clandestine that you are trying to fish out of the mud? Joerg Klingenfuss has announced the 1998 editions of his utility station publications. The 1998 *Guide to Utility Radio Stations* is available in book or CD-ROM format. They are available from better shortwave dealers everywhere. Klingenfuss maintains a website at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Klingenfuss/> if you'd like to take a look at a detailed description. His 1998 *Super Frequency List* on CD-ROM claims to list 38,000 entries "with all clandestine, domestic, and international broadcast stations worldwide."

WWVB Power Increase. Joel Rose of Ohio sends in an AP article noting that WWVB, the longwave time signal from Fort Collins, Colorado on 60 kHz, has raised its power from 10,000 to 23,000 watts. They expect to raise this further to between 40,000 and 50,000 watts in the future, probably to ensure better signals for consumer clocks being widely marketed that use the signal to constantly give precise time. Does anybody own one of these clocks?

EEB CLOSING

Tracy Wood of Sterling, Virginia says that he went over to the EEB retail store in Vienna, VA, and found that they planned to close during the first weekend in January. EDCO, an associated repair service, will supposedly continue to operate. We are seeing too many signs of weakness in the shortwave equipment hobby lately. EEB was one of the big ones. Its closure comes less than a year after the shutdown of Gilfer Shortwave in New Jersey.

THANKS!

Special thanks go out this month to everybody who patiently awaited late replies from me to material they contributed, given my internet provider outage. We thank the following DXers for their direct contributions to this column: Barry Williams (Alabama), Chris Smolinski (Maryland), Harold Cones (Virginia), Zacharias Liangas (Greece), Joerg Klingenfuss (Germany), Jeff White (Florida), Joel Rose (Ohio), Tracy Wood (Virginia), and George Zeller (Ohio).

Micro 'casting

Bud Stacey, P.O. Box 907, Satsuma, AL 36572-0907

The sole purpose of this column is to spread the knowledge about Part 15 broadcasting; this is YOUR column! Please send ALL material, newspaper clippings, station profiles, tapes, schedules and what-have-you to the address above. ALL identities are held in strictest confidence unless released by the contributor....

LET FREEDOM RING: It seems to me the average Part 15er or low-power "pirate" just wants to exert his/her First Amendment rights to free speech & expression. I agree what used to be a PUBLIC resource and medium has been grabbed by big business and exploited by a few large entities, leaving the small commercial stations to either sell out and be controlled like the rest OR die a quiet death. This sounds like "state-run radio", endorsed by Communism, and the sooner it's busted up, the better...therefore, my encouragement to YOU the reader, and operator, who has the gonads to do something! (applause, applause....)

FLOWERS: And so, like flowers in springtime, small stations have been popping up everywhere, just by the actions of a few courageous seed-sowers! (In the wake of the Stephen Dunnifer vs. FCC case (which is still pending), others have blatantly come up on (mainly) the FM broadcast band, in broad open view...and it seems the FCC is slightly stymied. I'm waiting to see how the court case with Mr. Dunnifer, as well as others, is handled....

As many of you may have heard or read about, Rev. Rick Strawcutter of Adrian, MI has started Radio Free Lenawee, a 95 watt in defiance of FCC rules & regs. I received a pamphlet via a friend where Rev. Strawcutter is selling a package telling how to start your own FM station. I'm normally on his side where this matter is concerned-- BUT-- he's somewhat misleading in the ad. He DOES state that the FCC doesn't license stations under 100 watts, but otherwise, this could deliberately lead some radio neophytes into deliberately crossing over the line...possibly even getting them into trouble without proper representation. I personally have not seen his material, so I cannot make any further judgments...however, what others do is their own will and I wish them luck and blessings.

For those of you who wish to receive this material, it is available for \$50 (item #T-546) via Robert Fox at (972)-613-4226. If ANYONE gets this stuff, please let me know of the content! Rev. Strawcutter/Radio Free Lenawee was first mentioned in John Arthur's "Veried Response" column in the Feb. '97 ACE....

Readers Rich & Talia Jurens and ACE Columnist George Zeller all sent in newspaper clippings on "free" stations in their areas; first, the Jurens' "Rebel Radio" is the Houston Chronicle's headline (these folks made the front page, y'all!) with the sub reading, "Do-It-Yourself Radio Gives San Marcos (TX) an Alternative Voice". KIND Radio operates on 105.9 MHz with 30 watts; its sponsors say the station is "an end-run around fat-cat broadcasters they believe have monopolized the airwaves". Their equipment is worth about \$500, some is donated, some is rescued from garbage cans! In this college town of about 30,000, most give the station moral support, although KIND will not take direct monetary support except under some strict guidelines.

The town of San Marcos, TX only has three stations- none of which fills the niche of covering local issues. The frequency they occupy is sought by three other commercial interests, one of which calls them "jerks"! The article goes on to quote several people in the areas of law, civil rights and communication, few of which actually talk against KIND Radio. Jeff Stefanoff, Joe Simpson and Joe Ptak (and others) know what they are doing is against FCC rules & regs, but are prepared for the long haul, and I wish them well! Thanks, R & T, for this article! (Houston Chronicle, 4/6/97)

From George Zeller: "Grid Radio" also made Cleveland Free Times' front page- the headline reads, "Cleveland's Pirate Radio...The Grid dance club claimed a piece of the public airwaves last year, joining a movement that may include 300 guerrilla broadcasters nationwide." Guerrilla radio? Makes it sound TOO hostile to me! The article goes on to say that Grid Radio has all the signs of a legit station: a call-in show, T-shirts, biz cards, payment of royalties(!) etc.- the only thing missing are commercials and an FCC license! Even so, it is said that Grid radio is Cleveland's fastest-growing radio station!

A former college radio DJ, Jerry Szoka created the station in The Grid, a dance club in Cleveland, back in the spring of '96. He purchased the club in '94 and kept his eye on "micro broadcasting [or pirate radio]". Szoka takes deference in Grid Radio being called a "pirate" in that he believes the airwaves are a public resource.

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Numbers station monitors have heard an incredibly large number of different stations with different formats over the years, and sometimes it's been hard to keep track of which station is which. They came up with descriptive names such as "Bulgarian Betty" (which, as I've said before, isn't Bulgarian), the "Lincolnshire Poacher," "Swedish Rhapsody," and others. The editors of the ENIGMA newsletter came up with a letter-number naming system that can be used to standardize names of different numbers stations. It's a very simple and easy system.

The different numbers stations have been grouped in the following categories: English, German, Slavic, other languages, Morse, and unidentified signals. The letters used for each category is E=English, G=German, S=Slavic, V=other languages, M=Morse, X=unidentified. Each station is given its own number starting from 1 and ending in infinity. Easy, huh? So the English-language station that says, "Ready, ready" at the beginning of each transmission is E1, the "Babbler" is E2, Lincolnshire Poacher is E3, etc.

I think this is an excellent way to keep track of each station and to make sure everybody knows exactly which station is which. There can be quite a lot of confusion as to which stations we are referring to in our loggings just by using one of the familiar names. What we call the "Russian Man" or "Russian Woman" in North America is known as the "English Lady" in Europe. Also, the station which uses a male voice reading numbers in Russian is known as the "Russian Man" in Europe. Confusing? However, if we all use the designator E17, we all know exactly which station was heard.

Below are listed the designators used for some of the more familiar stations. If you would like a complete list, send an e-mail to me at the above address. If you would like a copy via snail mail, send me a business-sized SASE & I'll send it to you. The list is also available to Spooks subscribers by sending an e-mail to majordomo@qth.net with the words INFO SPOOKS in the message.

English

- E1 Ready Ready
- E3 Lincolnshire Poacher
- E4 Cherry Ripe
- E5 The Counting Station
- E10 Phonetic Alphabet - NATO Designators (MOSSAD)
- E12 NNN
- E13 Five Dashes
- E15 Phonetic Alphabet - pre-NATO Designators (Nancy Adam Susan)
- E17 English Lady - aka The Russian Man

German

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| G2 Swedish Rhapsody | Slavic |
| G5 The Counting Station | S16 OLX |
| G8 Four Note Rising Scale | S21 Russian Lady |
| G12 NNN | |
| G13 Five Dashes | |
| G16 Two Letter | |

Other Languages

- V2 Spanish Lady, two or three finals (Cuban Atencion & Finale)
- V5 The Counting Station
- V6 Spanish Lady 00000
- V13 New Star Broadcasting
- V14 The Counting Station "control" transmissions

That's all for this month. I'm planning on going to the Winter SWL fest in Kulpville, PA in March, so I hope to see you there.

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The FCC disagrees in that they were quoted in this instance that "unlicensed operation creates a definite danger of interference to important radio communications services". Yeah, right, it endangers the corporate monopoly on broadcasting all right!

Mr. Szoka had an advantage most radio operators didn't: the club's equipment and music collection! They operate on 96.9 MHz, now at 100 watts. Most operations were live between 7pm to 3pm but were expanded to afternoon drivetime hours- in direct competition to licensed broadcasters! Grid Radio has received a "cease & desist" letter from the FCC, but no other actions have been taken. One of Mr. Szoka's concerns is if the FCC decides to confiscate the club's equipment as well as the transmitter. Hopefully, some of the pending court cases will prove favorable soon! By the way, this same issue makes mention of Radio Free Berkeley. Thanks, George! (Cleveland Free Times, June 11-17, 1997)

Well, that's about it for now! Lots going on in the world of micro radio, many tides turning, mainly for the little guy! Keep the faith, y'all! de Bud

The Presidents Page

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ANDREW YODER, longtime ACE member, prolific writer of pirate books and all around good guy, is starting a new "Hobby Broadcasting" Magazine. Andy says the publication will be quarterly and cover hobby broadcasting of all types. FM, micro-broadcasting, netcasting, pirate radio, college radio, carrier-current, community access and TV. In view of Andy's past performance, I think we can highly recommend you give this a try as Andy has given us top-notch stuff for a lot of years. Cost is \$12 a year to the PO Box 109 drop address. We wish Andy the best of luck and success in this new venture, and look forward to reading the first issue.

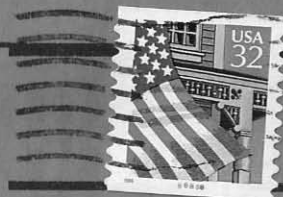
KULPSVILLE WINTERFEST is next month, March 12-14th, and if you haven't made plans to be there, do so now. It's a bail! You'll meet lots of ACE members, other radio enthusiasts who enjoy listening to shortwave, FM and any thing else they can turn on and get a noise out of and listen to. The ACE always has a table with lots goodies. This year you can renew your subscription, buy an OFFICIAL ACE T-Shirt and order a real pirate flag. Aside from the numerous forums with talks by specialists it's a chance to socialize with lots of other people who share your interests. Contact the Kulpville, PA, Holiday Inn for reservations and NASWA for banquet and registration. Make sure to tell the Holiday Inn people you're with the "radio folks" for a special rate. Rooms usually run about \$60 a night. Registration this year is \$40 and includes a great dinner on Saturday night. Send your \$40 to: Winter SWL Fest - P.O. Box 591 Colmar, PA 18915-0591. Or visit the NASWA website at: www.trsc.com/swl_fest.html

VISIT THE ACE WEBSITE for up to the minute information. I'll always post the date that the current months issue is mailed and pass along timely information to members so you don't have to wait for a month to get it. A lot of members have been using the "Logs" section of the website to post their latest catches on the radio. This helps the club by showing the curious where to look for pirate broadcasts and giving them someplace to listen for a transmission.

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